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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)

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Serial No.: 10/730,476)

Filed: December 8, 2003)

For: **POLYPEPTIDES, COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS FOR CLEAVING IAP
(As amended)**)

Examiner: H. A. Robinson

Art Unit: 1652

New York, New York
August 13, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 13, 2007 because August 11, 2007 fell on a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

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Amendment Dated: August 13, 2007
Reply to Office Action of: April 11, 2007

37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 11 of this Response and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this Response.